

**Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**Health and Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 1, 2024  
Meeting ID: 883 9905 4717

**Attendance (Board Member):** Francisca Leopold (Committee Chair); Doienne Saab

**Attendance (Community Residents):** Nyasha Carmichael; Enid Dillard; Justin Perkins; Menachem Schonbuch

**Absent (Board Members):** Yosef Hershkop

**Absent (Community Residents)** Pesach Alpert; Nomalizwe Byndon

**Guests:** Allysha Byant; Brittney Ellington; Arna Lipkind

**CB9 Staff:** Mia N. Hilton, Asst. District Manager

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**I. Call to order**

- a. Committee Chair, Francisca Leopold called the meeting to order at 7: pm

**II. Presentation**

- a. Allysha Bryant, New York Connects
  - i. fully funded by the NYC Department of Aging
  - ii. Program serves each county in the state and the five boroughs
  - iii. Assist individuals with obtaining Legal Services educate and community members and supporting them through various life challenges advocating and intervening advocating and intervening when a Community member demonstrates a higher level of need and care coordination after long-term stays in hospitals
  - iv. Support people in getting access to public assistance
  - v. Supporting community members in navigating housing issues accessing Home Care Services
  - vi. Facilitating communication between community members and case managers if they have one providing strategic and targeted support for community members and crisis navigating various city and state agencies um that could include HR, DSS and DHS
  - vii. Located in the 1655 Flatbush Avenue (Philip Howard co-op building)
    1. Thursday 9 A.M 5 P.m. and Fridays by appointment only

### **III. Committee Updates**

- a. Francisca L. provided an update on the status of SUNY Downstate's transformation plan announced by Gov. Hochul. Earlier this month, there was a rally against the hospital's closure. Need more community members to show up to rallies and calling the Gov. Hochul to support. She shared that there is a survey circulating in the community to gather information about improving the hospital's services. There will also be a one-pager about the hospital's closure for community awareness
- b. Francisca L. continued the subcommittee's conversation on planning a mental awareness forum set to occur, May 2024. Community member, Brittany E. suggested that the forum include information on the importance of trauma-informed screening and community resilience to address mental health concerns impacting CB9 communities. Francisca L. also provided an update on the programming for Senior health.

### **IV. Announcements**

- a. Arna L. from Connect IDCC announced that on March 28th from 11 am to 3 pm their organization will host a free produce giveaway and city agency information.
- b. Doienne S. reminded community members to share their contact information to be added to the What Apps Subcommittee group chat for the exchange of ideas and local event awareness

### **V. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm